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Response to Amendment

The newly submitted claims 1-48 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The newly submitted claims included inventions that are distinct and independent from the original selected invention (see restriction requirement of 06/18/2003 and response to election/restriction filed 07/18/2003).

The amendment filed on 12/21/2006 presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS**, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Since this application has been granted special status under the accelerated examination program, **NO** extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be permitted.

Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanh T. Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-4073. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur and every other Fri 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

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